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IOWA.

This great Agricultural State is bounded on the north by Minnesota, on the east by the Mississippi river, on the South by Missouri, and on the west by the Missourr river. It is 200 miles from north to south, from 300 to 350 miles from east to west, and contains 35,228,200 acres, or 55,044 square miles. With the exception of a small portion occupied by lakes and rivers, the soil is of the most fertile character and susceptible of the highest degree of cultivation. Iowa is as large as England, and when its fertility of soil and variety of agricultural and mineral resources is considered, it stands pre-eminently at the head of all the western States, as a prosperous, wealthy and powerful commonwealth. As yet its resources remain largely undeveloped, while the opportunities for securing homes are unsurpassed in the Union.

The Population

For a	term of years	is as as	follows:
1840			43,112
1850			192,214
1860			674,913
1870			1,194,020
1875			1,366,000
1880.	estimated		1,800,000

The Division of the State

is uniform—there being 99 counties, the most of which are divided into townships six miles square—these townships being sub-divided into 36 sections one mile square, and each section divided into 1/2, 1/4, Sec., and 80 and 40 acre tracts, by government survevs.

Public Lands.

By an act of Congress in '41, the State was granted 500,000 acres of land for internal improvements, which by constitution of the State, shall be and remain a perpetual fund for the support of schools throughout the state. Other grants, at different times increased this amount to 5,186,275 acres, 3,064,782 acres of which were given to railroad corporations as fol-

Railroads Burlington & Mo River R R 287,095 34 Mississippi & Mo River " 774,674,36 Cedar R & Mo River " 775,454,19 Dubuque & Sioux City " 1,226,558,32

A portion of these lands however, were selected as swamp lands under the act of September 28, 1850. Congress also made a grant to the State in May, 1864, of lands for the use and benefit of the McGregor Western R R Co., to aid in the construction of a road from McGregor, on the Mississippi to Sioux City, on the Missouri river; the lands to be selected within the ten mile limit from alternate sections.

The Agricultural College nds.

March 22nd. 1858, the General assembly passed an act establishing an Agricultural College and Model Farm, under the management of a Board of trustees. The 11th section of the act appropriated the proceeds of the five section grant, if Congress should consent to such diversion, together with all other lands that might be granted thereafter to the State for the purpose contemplated by the act for the benefit of the College. These lands, according to the records of the State Land Office, that passed under the control of the trustees of the College are as follows:

Act of July 2, 1852, 204,309,30

Five section grant 3,200,00

Lands donated in Story Co 721,00

"Boone" 200,00

Total 208,430,30
This College and farm were subsequently located in Story county and will be considered among the interests of that County farther on.

Early History and Settlement.

Iowa was originally part of the Louisiana purchase, which included all the territory west of the Mississippi from the Gulf of Mexico to the British Possessions, an empire in extent and now containing among the wealthiest and most popular states and territories of the United States. Few ever dreamed of the magnitude or value of this vast purchase, at the time of its consummation but to-day it is the seat of learning, of fabulous financial wealth, of wonderful Agricultural and mineral resources and is soon destined to be the centre of population and political power. State of Iowa is perhaps the choicest agricultural portion of all the Great West contained in the Louisiana purchase, lying in the valleys both of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and apparently receiving the valuable alluvial deposits in its soil of both these In 1834 Iowa was a part of streams. Michigan territory; in 1836 it was included in the new territory of Wisconsin; and on the 4th day of July 1838, by virtue of an act of congress approved June 12th of same year, the

Perritory of Iowa"

was constituted including in addition to the present state, a greater part of what is now Minnesota.

After some delay in fixing the boundary lines as approved by Congress, a constitution was adopted by popular election, and Iowa was formally admitted into the Union December 28th, 1846, as the 29th State in the National Confederacy. At this time there were 27 organized counties, and a total population of 97.000. Prior to this time the territorial capital had been located at Iowa City, in 1839, where in 1841 the Legislature had its permanent located.

cation after a few sessions at Burlington. Here State buildings were erected and the capital of Iowa remained till 1857, at which time Gov. Grimes issued a proclamation declaring the city of Des Moines the capital of Iowa.

Governors of Iowa.

Following is list of the governors since its organization as a territory in 1838 viz:

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	Robert Lucas appointed	1838
	John Chambers "	1841
	James Clarke "	1845
	Ansel Briggs, elected	1846
	Stephen Hempstead "	1850
	James W. Grimes "	1854
	Ralph P. Lowe "	1857
	Sam'l J. Kirkwood "	1859
	Same "	1861
	Wm. M. Stone "	1863
۱	Same "	1865
	Samuel Merrill "	1867
۱	Cyrus C. Carpenter "	1871
۱	Same "	1873
	Sam'l J. Kirkwood "	1875
	J. G. Newbold a part of	1877
	John H. Gear, elected	1877
	John H. Gear "	1879

State Institutions.

The public institutions and buildings. of Iowa do credit to the broad and comprehensive views of its founders, and an intelligent citizenship of later years, has carried out to successful completion the ideas and plans of the infantile common-wealth. The Agricultural Society began its existence in 1854 with Hon. Thos. Claggett of Keokuk as president; the Agricultural College and Farm was provided for by act of the Legislature in 1858; the farm house and barn being erected in 1860-1, and the college building completed in 1868; the Penitentiary was begun in July 1839, and completed in 1841, the citizens of Ft. Madison havdonated ten acres of for the site; an additional penitentiary was located at Anamosa in Jones county, by act of the Assembly of 1872, and buildings soon after erected; the State University of Iowa was located at Iowa City, and was organized in 1856; a State Historical Society was also provided for in connection with the State University in 1857. The Hospital for the Insane is located Mt. Pleasant, Henry

having been established in 1855. Another Hospital for the Insane was also provided for in 1867-8, and located at Independence, Buchanan county. The college for the blind was established in 1853, and located at Vinton, Benton county; an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, was established in 1855, and located at Council Bluffs; Soldier's Orphans Homes were also established by individual effort in 1864, and assumed by the State in 1866. These were located at Davenport, Cedar Falls, and Glenwood, but have all been consolidated into one, located at Davenport. The one formerly maintained at Cedar Falls has been changed into a State Normal School; and the one at Glenwood into a State institution for the Feeble Minded. The Reform School was established in 1868, and located at Eldora, Hardin county; the State Library is located at the capitol building at Des Moines. The State Capitol now in progress will be one of the finest buildings in the Union of a similar character, fully ten years having already been occupied in its erection, while several years will still be required to complete all the details of its construction and finish the multitude of details in so elaborate and magnificent a work. The State Capitol is a fitting expression of the liberal views of the people of a commonwealth of boundless wealth and resources.

STORY COUNTY, IOWA.

Its Advantages, Resources, Wealth, Population, Vacant Lands, etc.

It is not the intention of the compilers of this Review to make of it a complete or detailed history of Story county, but rather to show what this county is to-day, by facts and figures, carefully collected and compiled; to convince those in the east that this is one of the best, and destined to become one of the wealthiest counties in the State; to point out in a plain, business like manner the many advantages possessed by Story county for new people: to show by personal visits to can become independent now the same en Nov. 17th, 1858, and during the

as of yore, and that the 100,000 acres of land in the market can be purchased for less figures than the sandy lands 250 miles further west, that are bringing such enormous prices. Many other matters of importance will also be treated upon, and the facts presented will, we trust, supply a demand for information of the west that has so long been neglected.

The Early History

of this county is detailed carefully in the "Centennial Oration, delivered July 4th, 1876, by Col. John Scott," and published in the Nevada REPRE-SENTATIVE of the same date. Briefly, and with the consent of Colonel Scott, we present a few of the most important historical facts:

"Story county was probably described by name and boundary in an act of the Second General Assembly, which met at Iowa City in 1848 and 9, as we find it assigned to various districts from and after that time. In 1850 Hon. P. M. Cassady, of Polk county, represented Story in the Senate, and in the House were the Hon's, L. W. Babbitt of Marion, and E. R. Guiberson, of Madison.

The First Election

for completion of organization was held April 4th, 1853, at which time 64 votes were cast and a full set of officers chosen, and the county machine put in permanent motion. The nearest railway station to Nevada, in 1857, was Iowa City, 115 miles distant, and the same year no less than 15 grist and saw mills were built in various parts of the county. The first house in Nevada was raised on the 8th of Sept., by T. E. Alderman. John H. Lain, George Childs, T. J. Adamson, Isaac Romane, J. C. Harris and A. P. Fitch arrived in Nevada in 1854. The first District Court was held here August 14th, 1854, C. J. McFarland presiding. The grain area of '54 "far experience of the state of the stat siding. The grain crop of '54 "far exceeded the fondest anticipations of the most sanguine." The year of 1858 brought almost an entire failure of wheat and oats. The Pikes Peak excitement of '58 carried off quite a number of Story county's citizens, many of whom returned to their old stamping grounds. The first steps for the locafarms in different localities that men | tion of the agricultural farm were takmonth of June '59, the final location of this important institution was made. Early the following August a county agricultural society was organized, and arrangements made for holding a fair. On Jan. 13th, 1854, the first school district was organized, and up to present date there are about 150, all of which have substantial buildings.

The Military History

of Col. Scott's address is too lengthy for publication, but suffice it to say that the record of Story county's soldier boys is very brilliant and worthy the praise it receives.

The First Settler

was Wm. Parker, who came to Story county in the fall of '48 and located in Collins Township, where he still re-(Dan and Norman Ballard claim to have settled here in 1847, but the records show that Mr. Parker was the first settler.) The first great influx of population was from '54 to '57, during which time hundreds settled in all portions of the county. The Norwegians began to settle in the county in 1856. Col. Scott, after paying considerable attention to the organization of religious denominations, societies, erection of public and private buildings, etc., etc., closes his able address by adding the following remarks and

Statistics:

As showing the rate of improvement in the county the following tables may be of interest. They are taken from the Books of the county Auditor, and estimating the assessment at forty procent we have total values in 1875 follow:

Value of real estate	\$7,243,108
Value of personalty	1,966,388
Paying annually in taxes	100,000
Having a present population	1 15,000

ASSESSED VALUATION.

Yr. Land.	Lots.	Person'l	Total
1860 1,026,237		125,249	1,213,075
1864 1,155,660	42,227	315,351	1,413,247
1867 1,422,469	74,818	314,301	1,811,588
1870 1,977,681	117,428	476,604	2,571,703
1873 2,520,182	165,739	450,534 589,950	3,146,455 3,473,114
1875 2,706,060 1876 2,709,375	187,104	655,444	3,551,023

TOTAL TAXES AND POPULATION.

Year.	Taxes.	Population.
1855	3,990,80	1,568
1859	14,823,04	3,826
1862	16,439,88	4,300
1864	29,145,49	5,000
1866	46,238,14	5,914
1870	100,313,37	11,651
1873	86,311,75	11,519
1875	97,683,00	13,311

Story County at Present,

as may be inferred by appended remarks, is one of the best counties in the State. We make this assertion without fear of successful contradiction, and a careful perusal of this Review will carry the conviction that our statements are based upon cast iron facts. The county is bounded on the north by Hamilton and Hardin, on the east by Marshall, on the west by Boone and on the south by Polk and Jasper counties. It lies in the geographical centre of the State, is 24 miles square, embraces an area of 576 square miles and contains 16 townships.

The Climate

of Iowa embraces the range of that of New York, Pa., Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The seasons are not characterized by the frequent and sudden changes so common in latitudes further south. The temperature of the winters is somewhat lower than States eastward, but of other seasons it is higher. The atmosphere is decidedly dry and invigorating, Owing to good, stiff breezes which occur at all seasons of the year, the miasmatic and pulmonary diseases are unknown. Mortuary statistics show this to be one of the most healthful states in the Union, being one death to every 94 persons. The spring, summer and fall months are delightful; indeed, the glory of Iowa is her autumn, and nothing can transcend the splendor of her Indian Summer, which lasts for weeks and finally blends, almost imperceptibly, inte winter.

Water Courses.

The largest stream is the Skunk River, which enters about six miles east of the northwest corner, and passing in a southeast direction across the county, leaving it near the middle of the southern boundary line, and in its course waters some seven townships. Its principal tributaries on the west are Keagley's and Ballard's Branches, Squaw and Walnut Creeks, while it receives from the east the waters of Wowall, Clear, and several smaller creeks. The stream next in size to Skunk River, is Indian Creek, which has two branches known as east and west Indian, both of which rise in the northern part of the county. These streams have a number of small tributaries, while the two branches of the Minerva in the east, and Wolf in the southeast, with many other smaller streams not named, together with a number of clear, pure cold water ponds, or small lakes, afford fine stock water to nearly every portion of the county. There are also many excellent springs in various localities. Most of these streams retain a plentiful supply of water the year round, while Skunk River has a sufficient volume to afford many fine water powers, only a portion of which have been improved. Pure, lasting well water is generally obtained at a depth of sixteen to thirty feet.

Timber.

It is estimated that about one-fifth of the surface of the county is covered with native timber, which is largely in the south and western parts of the county, yet there is a fair sup-ply in nearly every part except the central northern. The principal varieties are the different kinds of oak, walnut, ash, maple, linn, hickory, elm and cottonwood. Considerable attention has been given to the cultivation of timber, which has been uniformly successful, so that the traveler in passing through the county finds the monotonous sameness of the native prairie agreeably broken and beautified by luxuriant groves of silver leaf maple, cottonwood and other rapidly growing varieties. As in many other portions of the state since the fires have been restrained from sweeping over the prairies, the native groves are extending, so that with an economical use there will be sufficient for all future demands.

Surface and Soil.

The surface of the county is a gently undulating prairie, interspersed ing been found in various places, with groves and diversified with streams, mounds, lowlands and ponds, and is susceptible of easy cultivation, are manufactured in the county, from

except in afew places along the streams where it is too broken and uneven to be worth much for plowland. The valleys along the water courses are not so deep as in the counties in the southern part of the state, and owing to this fact the timber bordering the streams may be seen at great distance.

The soil is generally a dark, sandy loam of great fertility, and is well adapted to the production of cereals, and the different grasses. In its native state the wild grass is said to have been of a superior growth and quality. Although the county has but little that may be termed poor soil, yet it presents a great variety, there being on the agricultural college farm alone some six or more different kinds. These different varieties of soil are adapted to the production of wheat, corn, oats, rye, and all kinds of esculent roots and vegetables grown in any other part of the state. The fine pasturage and water render this also an excellent stock-raising county, which natural advantages are being improved by many of the farmers who are devoting considerable attention to the breeding of thoroughbred and fine imported stock of all kinds. Sheep have been introduced and raised with success, while like most corn counties in Iowa, hogs are the most extensive-ly raised and are the greatest source of revenue to the farmers of the county.

Building Material.

Several fine quarries of lime and . sandstone have been opened both on Skunk River and Indian Creek. Along the former stream good building stone is found in great abundance, and a large portion of the stone and in the construction of the Agricultal College at Ames was obtained from quarcies along this stream. In the northern part of the county there is a ledge of a peculiar looking reddish limestone, unlike any other found in this part of the State, and is exposed on the north side of a ravine, the nearest timber being four miles distant, at the head of Indian Creek. A portion of the county is doubtless within the limits of the Iowa coal fields, small quantities having been found in various places, though not as yet in sufficient quantities to justify mining. Excellent brick

extensive beds of clay that are found in almost every part.

Railroads.

The Chicago & Northwestern railroad passes through the center of the
county from east to west, bringing every portion within some twelve or
fifteen miles of railroad advantages,
while the Des Moines & Minnesota—
narrow gauge—railroad runs from
Des Moines north, through Palestine,
Washington, Franklin and La Fayette
the four west townships of the county
and affording the county an excellent
outlet to the State Capital on the
south.

Educational.

It is of much importance to every person thinking of going to a new State, to make a home and bring up his family, to ascertain what provision has been made for the educational interests of the people. There is no standard by which the intelligence, the character and the progress of a nation may be so accurately determined as that furnished by the public schools. In this respect Iowa fearlessly challenges comparison with any other State. In no section is more attention given to educational interests. In none has more rapid progress been made in the efficiency of the schools, or the number and character of the school buildings.

The schools are the pride of the people and the glory of the county, and ample means have been provided to place them on a firm and enduring basis. The permanent common school fund of Iowa is made up of the proceeds of a 500,000 acre grant, with the 16th section of each township; the 5 per cent, fund and the estates that escheat for and university lands, and land from miscellaneous sources.

These lands, it is estimated, will amount to several millions of acres. The school lands sold thus far have invariably brought a higher price than could be obtained for other lands adjacent to them. The principal thus accruing is guarded by constitutional guaranty against diminution, and forms an irreducible school fund. In this county there are 150 school districts, with as many substantial buildings, and an excellent corps of teachers.

Population, Wealth, &c.

The advertisements that occasionally go east in the interests of this country, some times do great injustice. They describe the country, speak of the climate, soil, etc., but most of them fail on some of the essential points. People who desire to make the West their future homes, at present, are, many of them, well-to-do, and do not care much about the price of land. They want to locate where there is something more than land-they desire to start in where the highest state of civilization exists; where good people reside; where fine farms are opened'up; where churches are established; where good schools exist; where there is some wealth represented and where taxes are low; where good railroad facilities abound; where, in fact, all the modern improvements, and where comfort, prosperity and thrift are established-these are the places where a majority of eastern men and women want to locate and live. It is our object to dispel any notions that may exist as to the advantages in this direction. 'With this in view, we herewith append a few facts and figures which will astonish no doubt, the uninformed: Population, as will be shown by the next census will undoubtedly reach 18,000 or 19,000. assessed valuation for the county for 1879 was \$4,115,212-a trifle more than one third the actual value. The total tax was \$92,826,51. The bonded indebtedness does not exceed \$30,000every cent of which could be paid in a short time.

Homes in Story County.

Everywhere throughout the older States on the farms and in the towns and cities, are people thoroughly convinced that they could improve their condition by a change of locality, but are kept from making a movement to that end by uncertainty as to the best place to go. There are farmers sons' willing and anxious to follow their fathers occupation, but with the comparatively limited means that can be allowed them from the parental estate they are unable to purchase a farm upon the high priced lands in the communities where they have been brought up, without going hopelessly in debt, and assuming a burden of care

and anxiety that will weigh them down all their subsequent lives. These classes, and others of pluck, energy and economical habits, now held by Hard Times in enforced idleness, would break away from their old surroundings and associations, and begin a new home in a new place, if they could only ascertain with a reasonable degree of assurance, what portion of the country offers the best inducements and most nearly combines all the conditions favorable to success. These conditions include a genial, healthful climate, a fertile, tillable soil, abundance of water, accessible markets, schools, churches, good society, and other advantages of civilization, in connection with cheap lands and easy terms of purchase. The attention of these people we call to Story county, and, in order to form a proper idea of the entire county, we would suggest that all portions of this review be read carefully; as we have endeavored to furnish every particle of information usually sought after by parties contemplating a western home.

Value of Grass Lands.

In order to make a comparison of the relative value of grain growing and grass farming, we append a statement made by Prof. Knapp, which will apply to Story county at large, the principal wealth consisting in its munificient pasturage. He says:

If we estimate the annual production of good land under superior cultivation in corn at 50 bushels per acre, in oats at 60 bushels, and in hay at 2½ tons, and affix the value of each, we shall have the following table:

we shall have the following table:
One Acre
Total Value
50 bu. corn at 25c., \$12.50
60 bu. oats at 20c., 12.00
2½ tons hay at \$4, 10.00

From these amounts we must deduct the cost of production and marketing or labor of feeding upon the farm:

Cost Pro- Value less Total cost produc. Value' duction. \$7.00 Corn \$12.50 \$5.50 8.50 3.50 Oats 12.007.50 2.50 10.00 Hay

stalks, the oat-straw and the aftergrowth of the hay, to be an equivalent for the labor of marketing or of feeding each upon the farm, the final re-

sult of values will stand as above. That is the hay from an acre is worth about the same as the corn and oats. The production of the pasture is but slighly less than that of the meadow if managed with the same care. requires no housing, no machinery, and is fed in the most economical and judicious way. The actual profit, therefore, of the pasture is almost as much more than the cereals as the cost of producing them, or about twofifths Repeated trials in Iowa have demonstrated that 300 pounds of beef can be made annually upon an acre of good pasture, and upon a large scale.

Stock Raising.

The natural and artificial conditions all favor stock husbandry in a high degree. The matchless grasses, superior natural shelter offered by the groves and ravines, the ample water supply cheap corn, cheap transportation, cheap lands and mild, healthful climate should satisfy the most ambitious grazer and feeder. Stock growing is the grand, absorbing industry of the day and country, and is fast making wealth for Story Every body breeds, grazes and feeds cattle and swine. Scores of men in the county feed from four to ten carloads of grade steers, and from 100 to 500 prime Poland China and Berkshire pigs, the latter fattening from the droppings and litter of the former. The most farmers feed from one to three car-loads of steers and pigs, and every body is expected to raise and feed more or less stock. It is a paying business leading all other interests in profit and magnitude by a large percentage. The farmer who grows his own corn and grows cattle, swine and sheep he feeds, as gives the go-by to speculation, is as sure of fortune as the years are sure to come and go. Under such conditions in this county the business pays the careful, discreet grower and feeder 20 to 35 per cent, and that is the most profitable legitimate business "under the sun." Horses are also raised from imported stock and Story county today contains more and better fast trotters than any other county in the State. There are hundreds of natural stock farms in the country, combinwater, timber, shelter and luxurant grazing that can be had at \$5 to \$10 per acre wild, and \$15 to \$25 per acre improved, where cattle or sheep husbandry may be made very profitable. Add to such advantages a mildness of climate that admits of nearly perpetual grazing for young stock, and it is easy to see that the Illinois and Ohio stock men, with their expensive lands, costly shelter, long winter feeding, and high priced corn, are left in the

General Farming

is a decided success in this country. The soil is naturally very easily handled, and is comparatively free from foul weeds and grasses. A crop is made here 60 per cent cheaper than in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania or any of the older States. It is not un-common so see 40, 50, and even 60 acres of corn made here by one hand, team and cultivator. Farm machinery is used upon these smooth, clear lands with great facility. Farm work is never hurried. The long, friendly seasons of seeding growth and harvest give the tillers of the soil easy command of the situation. From early April to the middle of December there is no impediment to field work save an occasional rain storm. They live easier and cheaper here than in any country of our knowledge. The tendency to extensive grazing; the large and measure of bright, favorable weather; soil by the best modern machinery: the cheapness and abundance of coal and wood in every neighborhood; the fine natural drainage of these undu-lating dids, and the superior natural roads, together with the general habit of putting their surplus on the market, largely in fat steers, pigs and sheep, horses, mules, and wool, instead of the wearying and wasting process of growing, harvesting and hauling grain for export, give comparative ease and leisure to farm life.

Hundreds of farmers in Story counindependent to day who are came here with scarcely a dollar in their pockets, and went in debt for their lands, and have paid for them entirely, out of the products of the soil. Some of these we shall give in another place.

Creameries and Cheese Factories.

Story county with her thousands of acres of grass lands, pure water, and other conditions for this class of industry, presents inducements that long since should have been taken up. As a matter of fact no county in Iowa surpasses this one in grasses, pure water, shipping facilities, and other advantages that would make the establishment of ten or twelve creameries a decided success from the start, and the history of other less favored localities, which have profited from similar investments, should be a sufficient incentive for men to grasp the situation and reap the benefits arriving therefrom. Creamery butter is in good demand in all the markets, and especially just at this time when every thing is on the rise. The commission merchants and grocerymen of this county would handle every pound manufactured within its borders.

Grain Production.

The grain crop of 1879 in Story county was a very valuable one and while corn is the principal crop, wheat, rye, barley, oats, and flax, claim a fair share of attention. Mr. R. J. Silliman of Nevada estimates the shipments of wheat the past season at 250,000 bushels, while a large amount has been milled at seven different points. wheat crop amounted to nearly 1,000,to 2,000,000. 000 bushels the corn swelling other grain the cereal productions to upwards of the ease with which they handle the 4,000,000 bushels in a single season. Add to this an immense hay and root crop and some idea may be gained of the wealth of Story county.

Fruit Culture.

The history of the early culture in Ia., was from the very nature of things, in a wild country, not of the most flattering character, but by adapting proper varieties to the climate and bestowing careful attention in their culture, a wonderful change has been Many of these early atwrought. tempts were unreasonable, and it was impossible to anticipate good results from such reckless and shiftless planting. To-day Iowa revels, to a boundless and munificient extent, in her matchless yield of fruit. Every variety adapted to this climate, is found in Story county; apples, pears, cherries, peaches, plums, grapes, and especially small fruits are grown to perfection.

Coal and Fuel Supply.

Story county is situated in the coal measures of central Iowa, and its location is such as to furnish this people an unlimited and constant supply of fuel at very moderate prices. In addition to this important fact, the county is well timbered along the numerous streams extending throughout its limits in every direction. The artificial groves planted on open prairies, 15 to 25 years ago, now yield a large annual revenue—not only as a protection but in the form of fuel.

A Tour Through Story County.

Four weeks spent in Story county, enabled the writers to gain a very comprehensive view of its natural advantages, boundless resources, comparative wealth, solid advancement, and the opportunities presented by low prices of lands, adjacent to well improved farms, and thickly settled communities. In return it becomes our pleasure to place before the thousands of readers of this work, the results of our labor, assuring them that no county we have visited in the past three, years surpasses this one.

Lincoln Township.—This township occupies the northeastern corner of the county, is well watered by Minerva and South Minerva creeks, flowing in an easterly direction. Prices of unimproved lands, \$6, to \$12 per acre. No. acres of vacant land, 10,000.

WARREN TOWNSHIP.—Adjoins Lincoln on the west, is watered by East Indian creek, which rises in the central part of the township. Contains a large body of vacant land, amounting to 10,000 acres, at \$6 to \$10 per acre.

Howard Township,—This, lying west of Warren, is one of the finest, best settled and improved townships in the county—principally occupied by an industrious and prosperous class of Norwegians. No acres vacant land. Prices. \$12 to \$15 per acre The creeks are Long Dick and Bear creek, both of which enter into the Skunk river.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.—In the northwest corner, Story City being quite a prominent business point. Watered by a branch of the Skunk. No. acres vacant land 6,000. Prices from \$6 to \$10 per acre. The Narrow Guage road runs through this township.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.—On the west side of the county, just south of Lafayette, is watered by the Squaw fork of the Skunk river and by the Skunk and tributaries. The Northwestern road runs through the southwestern corner and the Narrow Guage through the eastern portion. No. acres vacant land 3,000. Prices, \$10 to \$20.

Washington Township. — Lies south of Franklin and is watered by the Skunk river and its branches. Ames and Ontario are stations on the Northwestern road——the Narrow Guage passing through the center of the township from north to south. The Agricultural college is located here and the township is thickly settled. Prices of lands, \$15 to \$25.

PALESTINE TOWNSHIP.—Is in the Southwestern corner of the county. Walnut and Ballard branches of the Skunk are the streams. The Narrow Guage road passes through the township. No. acres vacant land 4,000. Prices, \$6 to \$12 per acre.

Union Township.—Lies east of Palestine, and is in the southern tier of townships. Skunk river passes through the centre of this township in a southeasterly direction. Cambridge is the principal post-office and trading point. No. of acres of vacant land 4,000. Prices \$5 to \$15.

INDIAN CREEK TOWNSHIP.—East Union, is the point of junction of the East and West Indian creeks, which afterward assumes the name of Indian;—Rock creek is a tributary to the Indian. Iowa Center is the principal post-office and business point. No. of acres of vacant land, 2,000. Prices \$10 to \$15.

COLLINS TOWNSHIP.—The south-eastern corner of Story county, is watered by Wolf and smaller creeks. The first land entered and settlement made in the county was in this township 31 years ago by Wm. Parker. No. acres vacant land 4,000. Prices \$6 to \$15 per acre.

NEW ALBANY TOWNSHIP .- Is immediately north of Collins on the east side of the county. It is watered by several small streams. Colo is the shipping station on the C. & N. W. R. R., and the principal town in the township. No. of acres vacant land 4,000. Prices \$5 to \$10 per acre.

Township.-North of SHERMAN New Albany is composed of prairie land and is scarcely broken by streams or woodland. No. of acres of vacant land 10,000. Prices \$6 to \$12 per acre.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.—Lies west of Sherman; it is watered by East Indian creek, running through the township from north to south. It contains a number of fine farms and groves. No. of acres of vacant land 7.000. Price \$10 to \$20 per acre.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP. - West of Richland, is watered by the Skunk and The County West Indian streams. Poor Farm is located here, being 31/2 miles northwest of Nevada. No. of acres vacant land 3,000. Prices \$12 to \$15 per acre.

GRANT TOWNSHIP .- Is south Milford. It is watered by the Skunk and the West Indian and their tributaries. The C. & N. W. R. R., runs through the north part of the town-No. acres vacant land 4,000. ship. Price \$8 to \$15 per acre.

NEVADA TOWNSHIP.—Last but not least we return to this point. surrounded by New Albany, Collins, Indian Creek, Union, Grant, Milford and Richland. It is watered by East and West Indian and tributaries. Nevada is the County seat is located in the northwestern part of the township, on the C. & N. W. R. R. No acres vacant land 2,000. Price to \$20 per acre. to \$20 per acre.

Post-offices, Mills &c.

Following are names of post-offices of Story County: Nevada, Ames, Colo Cambridge, Iowa Center, Roland, Story City, Boardman, Collins Center, Gilberts Station, Johnson's Grove, Kelly, Ontario, Sheldahl, Supset.

There are eight flouring mills in Story county viz.: Lockwood & Co., at Nevada; Jay A King at Iowa Center; W. H. Grafton at Cambridge; T. K. Soper in Milford township; Hannum

Haverly and Co., at Ames; one in process of construction at Story City, by John Swan, and one at Sheldahl by S. W. Snider, all in successful operation.

County Officers.

Story county posesses a class of officers who are recognized as being efficient, prompt and energetic.

CAPT. I. L. SMITH.

For the past three years the above named gentleman has filled the office of county clerk, or clerk of the District and Circuit courts. The Captain has been here about 11 years and has shown by his ability to be peculiarly fitted for this position. Being well posted and thoroughly understanding the duties of his office, he has the respect and confidence of the courts and attorneys of this district, and probably could command the support of Story county people upon all occasions.

MR. JAY A KING,

The treasurer of Story county, is now filling his third term. During the five years that Mr. King has occupied this important office, he has given universal satisfaction to the citizens of the county. We are enabled to say to the readers of this work, looking for investments, that warrants on every fund are at par and are paid promptly on presentation-funds for that purpose being always on hand. The Story county court house, which is one of the largest and best in the State, cost but \$40,000, \$8,000 of which has been paid and the remaining \$32,-000 could be cancelled in a few years, if necessary. Mr. J. A. Mills is Deputy treasurer.

J. R. HAYS,

the county Auditor of Story county, " occupies an important position, which he has filled acceptably to all the citizens of the county, since January 1, 1872. The system of records and statistics of county matters is in an excellent shape for reference, and from this office much valuable information was gained for this Report. the people of every township and section of Story County, Mr. Hays is regarded as one of the most careful and & Son in Milford township; C. E. faithful public servants, as the fact

of his long service proves. He has been a resident for 13 years and is identified with every interest of the people. Mr. Wilber N. Hunt is the Deputy.

MR. A. K. BANKS,

One of the popular young men of Story county, is the present sheriff, a position difficult, at times, to fill: but Mr. Banks has proven his efficiency in every respect. He "allows no guilty man to escape," while in civil matters there is not a better posted officer in Iowa. At all times affable and energetic, he possesses the confidence of those with whom he comes in contact, and does not flinch from the discharge of his duties under any circumstances. He has been here fifteen years and is deeply interested in the future welfare of Story county. Mr. Frank Dana is the active deputy.

MR. O. K. HILL,

Is now filling his third term as county recorder—a fact which would signify his fitness for the office. Mr. Hill will shortly visit Norway and other foreign countries to regain health, and during his absence Mr. A. E. Lucas, who is the efficient deputy recorder, will discharge the duties of this office, no doubt with that accuracy and good judgment for which he is so popularly recognized.

NEVADA.

This enterprising and bright little city is the county seat of Story county and has a population of about 2,500. It is situated near the center of the county, having one of the finest surrounding countrys that the sun ever shone upon. Well drained and lying between the forks of the East and West Indian creeks, on a gently undulating plateau, having good reaching out in every direction, and possessing the natural strength of being surrounded by this land of beauty, and an inexhaustable soil, there is no reason why Nevada should not stride right along in the march of progress and improvement, and become one of the most important towns in central Iowa. Every condition that can be thought of for building up a city exists here, while the public spirit and feel propressive views of her citizens are house.

certainly factors that must redound to the credit and advantage of this stirring place.

Nevada's artificial strength is principally derived from that great trunk line, the Chicago & North Western Railway, the management of which does not dictate a policy detrimental to the interests of towns along its line of road, but on the contrary offers the best shipping facilities and the lowest rates possible. As a natural consequence hundreds of cattle, horses and hogs are brought here from every direction to be shipped over the road that seems to have adopted the motto, "live and let live."

A Beautiful Town.

From an esthetic point of view this is a beautiful town, environed with pretty suburban farms, groves and orchards, embellished in every quarter with elegant houses, tasteful lawns, many columns of forest trees that are fast turning the streets and avenues into arcades of living green; excellent streets, splendid pavements, scores of charming devices in home architecture, with gardens and nurseries, this place can not be surpassed in Its social older and eastern States. and intellectual life is in accord with the material town and its surroundings. One meets evidences of social The city refinement on every hand. schools are in splendid condition and happily are its special pride.

The School House.

Is located in the eastern part of town, on an eminence which affords a splendid view, and Prof. Payne, the principal, and his corps of able assistants, are doing excellent work in this \$15,000 "temple of knowledge."

The Court House,

Which is undoubtedly one of the finest in the west, is a grand building. It would be a credit, in fact, to many counties in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, and although erected at a cost of only \$45,000, it will certainly compare with many similar institutions erected at double its cost. It is located in the heart of town, contains six large airy rooms on the first floor, while the Mansard rooms are devoted to special purposes. The people of Story county certainly have cause to feel proud of their large brick court house.

The Opera House,

Which was built by private subscription, stands as a monument to the enterprise and liberality of Nevada's business men. The second floor is devoted to the usual purposes, theatres, entertainments, etc., and good judges say there is not a better small hall in the State. The ground floors are occupied by business and professional men, creating quite a revenue for the proprietors.

Religious Denominations

Are well represented and equally well sustained. There are three church edifices, viz: Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic; besides which the Baptists and Lutherns have well organized societies. As regards the religious features, Nevada is far ahead of the average—a fact which speaks well for the morality of any community.

Societies.

Secret and other societies are in a flourishing condition. The Masons, Odd Fellows, United Workmen and Legion of Honor are all finely established, in a healthy condition, and are constantly receiving new additions. The Reform Club, a temperance organization, which has resulted in great good to this community, is composed of the leading citizens, both men and women, and each Sunday the Opera House is thrown open to the public. At these meetings every body seems to assemble, where music, lectures, and general speech making are indulged in, and that great unsolved problem,

Temperance,

make remarks. This subject reminds us that no whisky is sold in Nevada, and the two beer saloons could find more customers in a different direction.

Manuafctures.

Nevada could (and doubtless will) become a manufacturing point. Take, for instance, Mr. Hague, the foundryman, who, from almost nothing, has established an institution that employs a number of hands, and his goods find ready sale in several directions.

Mr. Borgen, the furniture man, finds no trouble in disposing of his beds,

chairs, and tables. The seap factory, when in operation, has always proven a source of revenue. The rendering establishment is a success, while the brick yards and smaller institutions are all paying investments. There is a splendid opening here for several manufacturies, among which we will mention, creameries and cheese factories, glucose and starck works, flax mill, canning establishment, wagon manufactory, and paper mill.

Public Spirit.

A few remarks about the energy and enterprise of Nevada and we are done our imperfect description. No town we have visited has exhibited a more commendable spirit of concerted action than this one. In all matters of public interest, in fact, the business and professional men are found hand in hand—allowing nothing to interfere with that which is of general benefit to this community. Each man seems to vie with his neighbor in public spiritedness.

The Railroad Shipments

From this point will serve to show the business status of Nevada, and we append an official statement from Mr. O. B. Ingalls, the gentlemanly agent:

Amount of grain and produce shipped during the year 1879.

Corn, bu.		111,445
Oats,		47,967
Rve		3,392
Wheat,		38,141
Flax seed		13,943
Butter, 4743 ca	uses, or doz.	142,300

Amount live stock shipped:

Cattle, No. head,	2,074
Hogs "	12,780
Poultry, lbs.	88,419
Hides and grease, lbs,	93,831
Genl. mdse, forwarded, lbs	597,215
" " recd., lbs.	2,987,966
Lumber, ft.	1.888,000
Coal. lbs,	2.436,920
Stone, car loads,	13
Butter tube, No.	10,500
Agrecult'l Imp's, No. cars	6
	298,250
Lime, lbs.	397,410
Flour, "	1,740
Salt, No. barrels,	

Post-Office Business.

Report of money order business for the quarter commencing January 1880, and ending March 31st, 1880: Total amount of money orders

\$6018.60 issued Total amount fees received 69,85 2240,00 remittances money order pd. 4072,15

business in qr. 12,400,60 Total amount of gross receipts for post-office for quarter commencing Jan. 1, 1880, and ending March 31, 1880,

943.93 This office was established in da about November 1, 1853, T. E. Alderman postmaster, making the age of the office 27 years old November 1, 75 cents was the gross receipts of the office for the first two months of the first quarter of its existence. JOHN BEATTY, P. M.

THE NEVADA FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOPS.

Mr. Alonzo Hague does a general foundry and machine business, architectural work, engine castings, heating stoves, steam pumps, harrows, orna-mental castings for finishing public buildings, and furnishes models for a great variety of iron work and machinery. The value of this institution in a community cannot be over estimated, and the Nevada foundry is growing in reputation in all sections of the state. Mr. Hague is entitled to great credit for indomitable push. He settled in Story county in 1853, and stands high among his neighbors who recently presented his name for councilman on the temperance ticket. Public buildings at Ottumwa, Osceola, Albia, Ames, Boone, Eldora and Webster City were supplied with work from this foundry.

BRICK MANUFACTURE.

W. W. Maynard is operating an extensive brick yard in the southwestern part of Nevada, and annually turns out from 300,000 to 400,000 brick; while during the erection of the Opera House, Ringheim's, and Court House, the production was fully 1,000,000. This industry is an important factor in the growth of a city, supplying a market for fuel and labor. Mr. Maynard is an industrious and upright

support and good will of the community. The ruling price ranges from \$6 to \$7 per thousand. Mr. Maynard cut abut 100 cords of wood the past season for use at the kiln. He was formerly from Canada, near Chatham.

MR. S. M. MCHOSE.

This gentleman is the proprietor of . the Brick Kiln located in the south part of Nevada, at the end of Linn street, and has been engaged in the business for the past five years. He was formerly from Henry Co., Ills., and came west to grow up with the country, and expects to stick to Story county. The business has averaged about 300,000 brick annually but with the progress of Nevada, the erection of new business blocks and public edifices the field for this enterprise is rapidly expanding. Mr. McHose is alive to all the interests of the city, and intends to keep up with the times. Both wood and coal are used in large quantities and his yards are of great importance to the future growth of Nevada.

WM. LOCKRIDGE,

who is the Mayor of Nevada, is also one of the leading business men, having a large lumber yard near the depot on Linn street, where all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, lath, sash, doors, blinds, shingles, etc., etc., are to be found in full stock. Mr. Lockridge carries one of the largest and most complete stocks of lumber to be found between Cedar Rapids and the Missouri river. Mr. L. has been Mayor of Nevada for the past three years, during which time he has worked for the best interests of the town, and has accomplished many measures of imperature that will redound to his credit in time. He has been a resident of Nevada since 1856, served four years as county treasurer, made a success of 10-years farming, and for the same length of time has carried on the lumber business.

MR. R. J. SILLIMAN

Carries a large stock of rough and dressed lumber, lath, shingles, mouldings, building paper, etc. He buys in large quantities and consequently competes with lumber merchants of larger points. Mr. Silliman also operates a young man and deserves the hearty large elevator on the north-western

track, which has a storage capacity of 20,000 bushels the size being 30x45 feet. The highest cash price is paid for grain, the proprietor taking no advantage of farmers. Mr. S., came here three years ago from Nebraska, being satisfied that Story county surpassed the Bug Eating State. His shipments last year were 275 cars, but this season it will be double that amount.

LOCKWOOD & SON.

The Nevada Mills and Elevator, owned by the above named gentlemen, are among the solid institutions of Story county. The elevator, which is 30x50 feet, has a storage capacity of 15,000 bushels, and is so arranged that ten cars can be loaded per day. The mill is 30x60. There are three run of buhrs, the machinery is of the very best, while the new method flour is of the finest quarity. A heavy trade on corn meal and other goods is also enjoyed by this firm. Messrs. Lockwood & Son have been here since 1872, during which time they have been engaged in the grain and milling business. This firm estimates that there were 3,500,000 bushels of grain raised in this county last year.

MR. J. C. MITCHELL.

One of the largest dealers in farm machinery of Central Iowa, is located at Nevada. In '63 he established a hardware store, and subsequently opened up in the agricultural'implement business. He handles the Buckeye goods; the J. I. Case threshers; Altman & Taylor Vibrator; Keystone Corn Planter; Weir Plow Co's goods; Bain wag-Norwegian Plows; and many oth-first class goods in this line. From '72 to '76 he sold from 15 to 20 car loads each season, but since manufacturers have begun to sell their goods more on a cash basis, trade has dropped off some, and consequently improved. Mr. Mitchell has a number of farms for sale, which he is offering at a bargain. One of 200 acres 21/2 miles south west of Nevada; one 10 miles north east 160 acres; one 8 miles north, 120 acres; one 12 miles north, 80 acres; and one 1/2 mile north of depot, 80 acres. He also has quite a number of town lots for sale on reasonable terms. Mr. Mitchell came to Iowa in '45 and has resided in Story giving his entire time and attention

county since '63. He is embarking in live stock of a superior breed, and his Clysdale stallion is a magnificent animal. He has a fine large brick barn, besides considerable other valuable property in Nevada.

NEVADA CITY BANK.

Among the solid institutions of Central Iowa, the above named bank occupies a prominent position. It was established ten years ago by O. B. Dutton & Son, men of sound financial ability. They occupy a fine two story brick and stone building, 22x60 feet, on Linn street, and do a general banking business on liberal terms, having for correspondents the Merchants National Bank, Chicago, and Hanover National Bank, New York.

The Banking business in Nevada for 1879 amounted to \$1,500,000, with not less than \$600,000 in exchange on Chicago and New York; this leaving about \$900,000 that must necessarily be distributed among business men and farmers of this county. This shows that the productions of this county are far in excess of the cost of machinery and merchandise, which is a healthy condition of things.

OTIS BRIGGS

came to Ia., in '52, and seven years subsequent located in Nevada, where he has since been engaged principally in the drug business, but a few months ago established a bank and will do a general banking business. Mr. Briggs has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of Story county, and has done much towards developing it. He recently erected a fine two story brick residence in the eastern portion of town, which is one of the finest structures in the county.

M'CALL & THOMPSON,

The real estate brokers of this city are among the best and ablest land men we have met in the west. Capt. T. C. McCall an old pioneer, came to Iowa 34 years ago, when a boy and has been actively engaged in the busi-ness since then. He has been a member of the legislature, has filled often positions of honor and trust, and is generally regarded as a representative man. Mr. F. D. Thompson is a careful, judicious and successful lawyer-

to his profession. These gentlemen have a long list of unimproved lands for sale, amounting to not less than 50.000 acres, and a large number of These lands are improved farms. suitable for grain, fruit, or stock growing and range in price from \$6 to \$12 per acre for wild, and from \$15 to \$25 for improved. Captain McCall who devotes his whole time and attention to real estate matters, is thoroughly conversant with the business and knows Central Iowa like a book-having selected quite a large amount of government lands. He has extensive landed interests in this county, owning and controlling more land than than any other man in county, while his town property is valuable and extensive-having for sale % of the unimproved town lots of Nevada. Messrs McCall & Thompson do a general collection business and solicit correspondence from eastern parties desiring homes in Central lowa.

REAL ESTATE LOANS AND ABSTRACTS.

Among those engaged in the business of making investments for eastern capitalists by way of real estate loans and furnishing abstracts of titles is J. A. Fitchpatrick of Nevada, whose advertisement appears on the third page of cover. He has been a resident of Story county for twenty-five years and is thoroughly posted as to the quality of land in all portions of the county and can furnish any desired information to those wishing to purchase lands or make loans. He also makes a specialty of real estate law, examines titles thoroughly and understandingly and attends promptly to all legal business intrusted to him. He filled the important position of Clerk of the Courts for the county from 1865 to 1877, nearly 12 years and then declined to serve longer on account of his own business affairs requiring his individ-We commend him to ual attention. those wishing services in his line.

MR. M. C. ALLEN,

who has had 12 years experience in the real estate business, has for sale 35,000 acres of land, about 7,000 of which belongs to the Iowa Railroad Land Company. This is for sale on three, four and five years credit, at low prices and a reasonable rate of interest. in the west, and that his prices are in

Other land for sale by Mr. Allen is of the very best quality, and correspondents will do well to consult with him, as he can supply any amount on the most liberal terms. A residence in this county of 14 years, has enabled Mr. A. to become thoroughly familiar with every tract of land, and he takes. pleasure in answering all letters of inquiry.

D. H. M'CORD.

In connection with varied interests. Mr. McCord carries on a real estate business that is gradually growing to a creditable extent. He has a number of improved farms which he offers for sale on excellent terms; besides large tracts of unimproved land suitable for all purposes, that is in the market at remarkably low prices, considering the advantages of Story County. In the way of trading it is proverbial that McCord will discommode himself in order to accommodate a man whohas anything to "Swap."

MR. J. R. MCDONALD.

The compilers of this Review, in justice to themselves, wish to make a general acknowledgement for the kind courteous treatment received at the hands of Story County people and especially to Mr. J. R. McDonald, of Nevada. This gentleman from the first has given freely and unstintingly, valuable time, suggestions and information regarding the varied resources and advantages of Story county; the opportunities for settlement, for manufactures and business enterprises. Mr. McDonald is an old resident and an able attorney and well informed on all of these matters. It gives us pleasure to acknowledge such gener ous attention from the people of this County and heartily commends them to all.

I. A. RINGHEIM.

One of the leading merchants of Central Iowa, owns a large two story brick building, where he carries a general stock of merchandise, consisting of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, notions, carpets, and a full line of staple and fancy groceries. is not saying too much to inform the public that Mr. Ringheim carries one of the most complete stocks of goods

much larger towns. His trade is principally retailing. Ringheim's block is lived here 22 years, and has the finest business block in the county.

G. W. & W. P. ZWILLING

Are young and energetic merchants of Neyada, who put in a heavy stock of general merchandise a few months ago and are already enjoying a good trade. Their stock consists of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, notions, etc., etc. Messrs Zwilling Brothers are thorough business men, and having been residents of the west for the past ten years, are well informed as to the demands of the trade. Their store is one of the largest in the county, and their stock is complete in every respect. Too much cannot be said for these young men, who possess the ability attained only by close application to business for years, and a careful study as to the interests and wants of their patrons. We predict continued success for Zwilling Bros.

STOCKWELL, GISH & CO.

Are the only exclusive dealers in cloth ing in the county. Their large room which is 20x110 is the north half of the Ringheim block, and is filled from top to bottom with ready made clothing for men and boys, boots, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, valises, and a complete line of gents furnishing goods. This firm is composed of young business men who know the value of advertising, and as a consequence are envisas as to successful mercantile in- nie R. terests. These young gentlemen are thoroughly westernized, and knowing the demands of the trade are prepared at all times to supply them. No firm in this county surpasses this one in a business point of view.

S. E. BRIGGS,

The druggist, another of the pioneers of Story county, came here twenty-four years ago, and has become one of the most substantial business men of Nevada. His store is centrally located and is filled with a class of pure and fresh drugs, oils, paints, glass | partner took a prospective trip to Ne-

direct competition with merchants of etc., not surpassed by any house west of Des Moines. He also carries a complete stock of stationery, school and litwo stories high, and 46x110 feet. Mr. brary books, fancy and toilet articles, R. began business here in 1865, has notions, etc. Mr. Briggs' residence here has been marked with that success which only indomitable energy and close application to business produce. He braved the hardships of the early days and helped to make Story county what she is to-day. In addition to the drug store, Mr. B. owns two fine farms.

TOBEY & EDWARDS,

Who are among the most successful merchants of central Iowa, carry an extensive and well selected stock of dry goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, and in fact everything usually found in a first class establishment. The four years that have passed since these gentlemen went into business, have been marked with fine success, as liberal advertising, good goods, and honorable treatment of customers have been their watchwords.

R. H. RODEARMEL.

The drug business of Nevada is not more ably represented than by Mr Rodearmel, who carries a general stock of pure and fresh drugs, medicines, patent medicines, school books, stationery, toilet and fancy articles, etc., etc. Having an extensine acquaintance throughout the county, this gentleman is doing a fine business. about two years and a half he owned and edited the Story County . Watchman, during which time its columns sparkled with a brilliancy particularly joying a splendid trade, while the pri-ces of their goods are in accordance other column will be found a few items with their liberal and progressive regarding his celebrated trotter, "Jen-

CARHART BROTHERS.

One of the large grocery establishments of Nevada, owned by Carhart Bros., is on the west side of Linn street. They carry groceries, provisions, crockery, glass and willow-ware, eigars, tobacco, canned goods, and pay the highest cash price for butter and eggs. Mr. S. H. Carhart is an old resident of Iowa, and has been in business here for the past three years, and his brother, G. W., has been associated with him since last May. The senior braska and Kansas not long since, but returned to Story county, satisfied that this is the place to live and thrive.

COL. JOHN SCOTT.

This widely known citizen of Nevada, located here in 1856, was originally from Ohio. He has been identified with all the varied interests of the State, is a large farmer, a breeder of shorthorn cattle, Poland China swine, and Shetland ponies. In 1859 he was a member of the State Senate, and in 1867 was elected as Lieut. Governor of Iowa. Col. Scott is Vice-President of the National Association of Short-horn Breeders, is Vice-President of the National Agricultural Society, and is a member of the National Dairyman's Association. He was Colonel of the 32d Iowa Infantry, and served during the war with distinction. He has also served as Grand Master of the Free Masons of Iowa. Col. Scott has taken a great interest in the improvement of stock, the cultivation of evergreen, larch, ornamental, fruit and forest trees, has 30,000 of these monuments to his enterprise and esthetic taste now ornamenting his grounds. Much of the beauty of Story county residences and grounds is traceable to Col. Scott's early planting. "Trampo-line," who gave Story county horses a national reputation and record, is owned one-half by Col. Scott at the present time, while many representatives of the same family remain in Story county.

MR. GEORGE CHILD,

The livery, feed and sale stable of Mr. Child is located in the centre of Nevada. His stock is first class, his conveyances are substantial and elegant, and persons desiring to visit any portion of central Iowa, can find excellent accommodations at these stables, at prices far more reasonable than would be supposed. Large numbers of horses are bought and sold annually by Mr. C., who, at all times pays the highest cash price for stock. He is the present city marshal of Nevada, and for seven years previous to the war, he was the efficient sheriff of Story county-a poin '62, and passed three years in the the lands in Story county.

service, acting in several different caprcities. He has carried on this business for the past 14 years.

T. E. ALDERMAM & SON,

The pioneer merchants of Nevada, occupy the corner of Linn and Six streets. Their stock is very extensive and comprises hardware, stoves, cutlery, iron, tin and sheet iron ware, mechanics' tools, blacksmith's supplies, wagon woods and agricultural implements. Mr. T. E. Alderman came here 27 years ago and is the oldest settler in Nevada. He remembers the early days of Story and adjoining counties. He brought the first stock of goods to this town, and has always been actively engaged in business-starting the Pioneer Hardware Store in 1855.

SHEDD BROTHERS,

Located on the east side of Linn street, deal extensively in staple and fancy groceries, flour, queensware, wooden and willow ware, canned and dried fruits, eigars and tobaccos, seeds and produce. This firm regard Nevada as a good business point, and are wideawake to the general interests of their customers. They located here two years ago, from Marion, Linn county, Iowa, and like every resident of Story county are well satisfied with their surroundings, and have an abiding faith in the future of this enterprising community,

THE HUTCHINS HOUSE,

kept by Mr. J. S. Hutchins, is the largest hotel in the county and a popular resort for the traveling public. With 30 large bed rooms, several parlors, an extensive dining room, cozy office, and a genial landlord and clerk, Hutchins house very properly takes the lead. Mr. H. has been here 10 years, is well known by everyone, and is thoroughly alive to Story county's interests as He is the fortunate well as his own. possessor of three fine farms in this county, and is actively engaged in the live stock business to a considerable extent.

W. H. NELSON,

of Nevada, has been here about one sition not easily filled at that time. year, and in a few months will have a Mr. Child raised a company of soldiers complete set of abstract of titles to all does a general real estate and money loaning business, is a notary public and insurance agent, and parties desiring anything in his line will do well to call upon or write him. He has been in the business several years and is thoroughly posted regarding every fea-He came from Chicago, ture of it. but his old home is the Buckeye State.

W. H. BUCK

Is a dealer in furniture, located on the west side of Linn street, and occupying a store room 22x80 and a work room adjoining. The character of the goods carried in stock and the enterprise displayed in the management of business has given this house a solid foundation in the first six months of trade. Mr. Buck was formerly from Union, Hardin county. He carries a stock of coffins and caskets, and everything usually found in his line. He makes a specialty of pictures and frames.

O. HAMBLETON,

On the corner of Linu and 5th streets is located the grocery establishment of Mr. Hambleton, where a general stock of groceries, provisions, queensware, cigars, tobaccos, notions, etc., is kept. Mr. H., has resided here for the past 17 years and has an excellent business reputation. He was formerly from Ohio. He thinks Nevada has a bright future before it and is well pleased with the prospects for the local business of Story county.

H. BOYNTON.

An old resident, deals in building material, such as lime, hair, cement, white sand, may be dust, etc. He reports the building prospects of Nevada and surrounding country very bright for this coming season, and is only one among hundreds who believe that the towns are by no means ahead of the county. He came originally from Ohio, and regards central Iowa as possessing advantages inferior to no portion of the west.

LIVINGSTON & RODEARMEL,

Dealers in hardware, iron, steel, nails, tinware, stoves, agricultural implements, etc., are among the leading merchants of Nevada. Their room is

with stock. Both gentlemen are young and ambitious and knowing the secret of success are advertising extensively and selling none but the best of goods

MR. JOHN BEATTY,

Who has had charge of the post office of Nevada, for the past seven years, has been here since '65. In connection with the post office he carries a full line of stationery, notions, school books all of the latest periodicals, news papers, etc. He kindly furnished us a statement for the past quarter, together with a few interesting facts relative to the establishment of the office. which will be found elsewhere.

MRS. H. A. BURDICK,

A lady of excellent business qualifications, carries a general stock of staple and fancy groceries, flour and produce, canned goods, fruits, cigars, tobaccos, etc. For the past seven years Mrs. Burdick has carried on this business in a very successful manner-seven years prior the same store having been controlled by Mr. Charles Burdick. Mrs. B., has been in Story county 15 years, and came from Muscatine, this State.

WHITE & BAMBERGER

General dealers in heavy and shelf hardware, iron, steel, cutlery, nails, stoves, copper and tinware, have a large stock. Mr. L. E. White came from Pa., and has resided in Story county for the past four years. Mr. E. S. Bamberger is also from Pa., and came here 16 years ago, was three years with J. C. Mitchell, and is the oldest tinner in Nevada. They are agents for Howe and New Howe sewing machines.

M. L. SMITH.

The metropolitan jeweler, carries a fine stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver ware, etc. He is also agent for several first-class pianos and organs, a number of which he has sold to the entire satisfaction of purchasers. The improved Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, can be found at his establishment. He is a No. 1 workman and makes a specialty of repairing. Smith has been here two years, has an extensive acquaintance, and is popular 20x130 feet and is completely filled with the trade. He is from Keokuk.

MR. J. C. MILLER,

Practical watch maker, carries a fine stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, silver and plated ware, and does a general repairing business. Mr. Miller has been here seven years, and is located on the west side of Linn street. He is satisfied that Nevada is eventually to become one of the best and largest points in this portion of the State.

BOYD & CHILD,

Have a meat market in Nevada that would do credit to a town of 5,000 people. They deal in live stock, supplying their customers with the best of meat, fish, flour and game. They have been here seven years and are well satisfied with their present location. Mr. Boyd is from Tennessee, and Mr. Child is a New Yorker.

W. W. TUPPER,

Dealer in fresh and salt meats, poultry fresh fish, game, etc., is carrying on a good business, and takes a deep interest in the improvement of stock. Residing here for the past three years, he has become well known in the county and has the confidence of the trade.

H. F. MURPHY,

Manufacturer of harness, saddles, etc., reports business good, and his twenty years residence here has been spent in making harness and other articles for the farmers of Story county. He always does good work and gives general satisfaction.

THE NEVADA BAR

Is composed of an excellent class of attorneys, many of whom are young and promising, and is rapidly becoming one of the most important bars in this portion of the State. Following is a list of Nevada lawyers: J. S. Frazier, J. L. Dana, F. D. Thompson, L. Irwin, S. F. Balliet, M. C. Allen, C. H. Balliet, J. B. McHose, G. W. Dyer, T. C. McCall, J. A. Fitchpatrick, H. M. Funson, J. R. McDonald, S. A. Balliet, Frank Dana, D. J. Vinje.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Nevada possesses a class of men in there profession who are far above the average: Dr's. Geo. Stitzell, A. Patton (retired) E. H. Monk, J. W. Boggess, J

E. Scott, L. Schooler, D. McTavish and J. S. Lowell are gentlemen of fine medical attainments, and take good care of the afflicted in this vicinity.

THE "REPRESENTATIVE,"

published at Nevada, has, for the past 24 years, kept the people of this county informed as to the current events of the day. Since '70 Hon W. H. Gallup, formerly State Senator from this district, has conducted the Representative in a manner that signifies his ability as a writer. This paper is one of the staunchest and most fearless advocates of the Republican party, and in typographical appearance is not excelled in the State.

THE "STORY COUNTY WATCHMAN,"

also published at Nevada, is about six years old, and is now owned and edited by Mr. V. A. Ballou, a gentleman of energy and experience. The Watchman prides itself upon the racy local and editorial matter that appears each week, and right royally is Mr. Ballou sustaining his reputation as one of the foremost newspaper men of Iowa.

AMES.

Among the brightest and neatest towns on the C. & N. W. R. R., is Ames, the junction of the Des Moines & M. R. R., (now a branch of the C. & N. W. R. R.) This place has a population of about 1400, intelligent cultured people, many of whom are attracted here by the unsurpassed educational advantages afforded by the Iowa Agricultural College, and public schools. The reputation of is place is rapidly extending and some any its stragetic advantages as a manufacturing and commercial point will draw capital and wealth and increased population. It possess a beautiful location, and the country contiguous consists of fine and undulating prairies interspersed with numerous groves and native timber; the celebrated "flowing wells" of Story county are only a few miles north of Ames, and the council has made arrangements for sinking an artesian well to secure a water supply for city and manufacturing purposes. About five miles distant are found valuable coal banks recently opened,

and these will be of great advantage both to the railway company, and to manufacturers seeking cheap fuel and excellent shipping facilities. citizens of I Ames have strong hopes that the division headquarters will be located here, and extension shops erected. They invite the attention of capitalists, immigrants, and merchants to the natural resources of location. the opportunities offered for creameries and cheese factories; the manufacture of drain tiling, agricultural implements, foundries, and numerous industrial enterprises, for which grounds will be donated to the right parties. Ames enjoys unusual advantages of churches, schools and social privileges, while as a business point it has a prospective growth equal to the most sanguine anticipations of its founders.

POST OFFICE BUSINESS.

Following is a statement of business transacted at Ames postoffice, from Jan. 1st, to March 31st, 1880: Amount of money orders

\$4919,81 issued Amount of money orders paid 2651,85 Amount of stamps, envelopes,

832,16 cards &c, sold, 105 Number of letters registered, MRS. HATTIE LUCAS, P. M.

RAILROAD BUSINESS AT AMES, 1879.

Received, 1112 feet of lumber, 2,650,-

581, pounds mdse.

Forwarded, 1,260 cattle, 5,800 hogs, 456,000 pounds butter, 304 cases eggs, 2,191,098 pounds mdse, 152,000 bushels corn, 13,000 bushels wheat, 25,000 oats.

M. J. ALWORTH, Agent, C. & N. W. R. R.

AMES OPERA HOUSE,

· A very promising building, is the property of Messrs. Read & Bradley. building was commenced last September, and when completed the cost will reach \$10,000. The lower floors are used for business purposes and the hall for theatrical and other entertainments. It is 51x85 feet, a 20 foot ceiling with large and nicely arranged stage and accompanying departments. It is certainly an honor to the proprietors and a great credit to this town. Mr. B. Read who has been here 13 years runs the largest meat market in Story county, owns fine city and valuable berlain is the gentlemanly cashier.

farm property, and is generally regarded as a representative man. Dr. James Bradley, a very successful physician, The has been here 12 years, and is largely interested in city and county real es-

C. E. HAVERLY & CO.,

Own the large steam grist mill at Ames, which draws a great deal of trade to this thriving town. The mill is 30x40 feet, three stories high, has three run of buhrs, is conveniently arranged, and manufactures some of the best flour and feed stuffs in Central Iowa. The products of the mill find a ready sale at this place, which speaks for the superior quality of the flour, the patent flour being, in fact unexcelled. Mr. Haverly is a No. 1 miller-having devoted the past 22 years to the business. Mr. P. S. Spence, of this firm, has had a 24 years experience in the line of machinery, and as a matter of course this experience has made of him one of the most competent men in this western country. Mr. J. P. McDonald, the other member, possessexcellent business qualifications, and altogether the firm of C. E. Haverly & Co., is composed of some of the best men in Story county. They have been operating this mill for the past two years and are making a magnificent success of the enterprise.

HON. WM. D. LUCAS,

Proprietor of the bank at Ames, is one of Story county's representative He does a general banking business-having for correspondents the Third National of New York, First National Chicago, and the Citizens National Banks, Des Moines. The banking business of Ames does not fall behind that of other towns, and the ability of Mr. Lucas to operate an institution of this kind, is unquestion-He has been here for the past 13 years, has large landed and city interests, and is otherwise largely interestin Story county. He represents this people in the present legislature-a position of trust ably and satisfactory filled, and one in which Mr. Lucas has accomplished many valuble measures. The Ames bank is the oldest one in Story county, and Mr. E. R. Chan-

BIGELOW, HUNTINGTON & TILDEN.

Ames is certainly one of the most fortunate towns in Central Iowa, so far as representative merchants are concerned, and no firm in Story county surpasses this one in points of solidity, enterprise, and personal benefit to the community. They occupy a large brick building in the central portion of town, and carry a stock varying from \$25,000 to \$40,000, consisting of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, ladies and gents furnishing goods, notions, carpets, trunks, and valises, a full line of staple and fancy groceries, canned and dried fruits, tobaccos, country produce, and in fact every thing usually kept in a first class es-tablishment of this nature. They are the merchant princes of Ames and take a deep interest in the advancement of Story county-knowing full well the results of immigration. They also have a large stock farm near Ames that is rapidly adding to their financial condition. Mr. D. A. Bigelow, chairman of the board of Supervisors, is from Massachusetts, and H. C. Huntington and G. G. Tilden are Vermonters. They have been in Ames since its infancy.

D. S. BOSWORTH & CO.,

A new firm, recently purchased the drug store of Thomas & McLain, of Ames, and are increasing their present large facilities for business, and enjoying the trade established by the leading drug store of Story county. Mr. B., selected Ames from all other locations tod having been 13 years on the road, had excellent opportunities for judging of the future prospects of Ares as a business and manufacturing point. The large trade heretofore carried on by this house is already rapidly enlarging, proving the correctness of judgment displayed in selecting this location. Always alive to the interests of their customers. Mr. Bosworth, the active partner, and Rev. N. O. Freeman, the silent partner, of St. Charles, Ill.,-this firm are awake to the public welfare of Story county as well. Ed. Barstow presides over the prescription department as of yore.

HON. JOHN L. STEVENS.

was increased by the appearance of a corn planters, Star wagon, barbed wire

13 year-old boy from the foot of the Green mountains. Five years from that time "Johnny" Stevens entered the Agricultural College at Ames, and four years later we find him graduating with the highest honors. Twelve months roll around, he is admitted to the bar and locates in Ames. Hard work and an honest, upright course for five years, convince the people of this district that Mr. Stevens would make a good district attorney, and accordingly in 1878 he is honored with this important position. Two years' service proves that the people's choice was a wise one, as Mr. Steyens has made a most faithful and excellent prosecutor. Can any young man in Iowa show a brighter record? In addition to his official duties Mr. Stevens has a fine law practice and is meeting with decided success. He also has a large amount of lands for sale, and will answer all questions relative to location, quality of soil, etc., etc.

THE WEST HOUSE,

Mr. Wm. West, proprietor, is the largest and best kept hotel in Ames. The building is especially arranged for this purpose, elegantly furnished, centrally located, and has a most excellent run of custom. The tables are invariably supplied with the best the market affords, the beds and rooms are neat and clean, and Mr. West never over looks anything that will add to the comfort of his guests. A pleasant, genial and accommodating landlord is very valuable to any community, and Ames is certainly fortunate in this respect. Every traveling man knows the popular clerk, Mr. Flave West, who has a happy manner of entertaining guests and looking after their comf. Mr. Wm. West has been here since '65, and in this business for ten years.

S. H. SHELLY & CO.,

Came here five years ago from Kansas, satisfied that Story county surpassed that country in every respect. They embarked in the agricultural implement business, and to-day have the largest stock in Ames. They handle the champion reaper and mower combined, single reaper, light mower, the Buford goods, standard corn goods, the In 1863 Cedar Rapids' population Monitor plows and hay rakes, chalenge and other first class goods. cesses.

MR. C. O. NOURSE,

of all kinds, eigars, tobaccos, flour, feed. garded as a public spirited citizen. country produce, etc. Mr. Nourse's business is constantly on the increase, and the most general satisfaction is Is a young gentleman who recently expressed by his numerous customers.

M. A. SLINGERLAND,

Who monopolizes the furniture trade, has an exceedingly fine stock on hand, at prices so reasonable that eastern parties coming west will find it to their advantage to pay a visit to this house before purchasing elsewhere. From a picture frame to elegant bedroom sets of all kinds, one can find every thing in this branch of business. Mr. S., has just received his spring in voice, and anticipates a heavy trade in a few days. He has been here about four years, and has lived in the west since '52

H. WILSON JR. & CO.,

Among the prominent grain buyers, are located at Ames, and have a fair share of the business Their reports for last year are encouraging, and correspond with the business transacted by other times. These gentlemen, Mr. E. K. Leyden being of the firm, are comparatively new comers, but have lived here long enough to realize that Story is one of the best countres in Iowa.

MR. C. D. NORMAN,

Manager of the Ames lumber interests of C. Lamb & Sons, Clinton, presides over this extensive yard in a manner that denotes a thorough knowledge of the business. All kinds of rough and dressed lumber, doors, sash, blinds, lime, cement, etc., etc., are to be found in this yard. Mr. Norman estimates his last years sales at about 1,000,000 the millers.

Messrs feet, and the prospects of this season Shelley & Co., report business good, are very flattering. He has been here and anticipate a repetition of past suc- 10 years, and was formerly from New York.

MR. P. L. PORTER,

Who has one of the largest and finest an old resident, has a creamery in opstocks of goods in Story county, is a eration at Ames, which is proving a gentleman of excellent business quali- wonderful success in every respect. fications, and one who is becoming de- About 300 pounds of butter are being servedly popular with the trade. He manufactured per day, and the ready occupies the lower half of the Opera sale which it finds abroad as well as at House, his room being 20x85, and home, is evidence that other similar splendidly arranged for his business: establishments will be paying invest-He carries a heavy stock of staple and ments. Mr. Porter has been here 16 fancy groceries, canned goods, fruits years, has 400 acres of land, and is re-

MR. B. I. BRAYTON,

came from Massachusetts, and entered into the butter and egg business-having an extensive butter factory on Onondaga street. Mr. Brayton understands his business thoroughly, is industrious and energetic, is rapidly becoming acquainted, and already is popular with all classes. Mr. Brayton's many Yankee friends will be glad to learn of his success and prospects.

MRS. W. S. BRADLEY,

An enterprising widow lady, has one of the large stores of Ames, and carries a heavy stock of groceries and provisions, canned goods, dried fruits, tobacco, queensware, glassware, etc. Mrs. Bradley has excellent business qualifications, and is making a decided success of this branch of trade. She has lived in Ames for the past 11 years, and was formerly from Illinois.

MR. H. S. GOBLE,

Manufacturer of and dealer in light and heavy harness, blankets, robes, whips, saddles etc., is enjoying a good trade. His work is of the most excellent character, being, in fact, the best advertisement he has. Mr. Goble has been here five years and came from DeKalb county, Illinois.

MR. P. SPENCE

Owns a saw mill at this point, which, when in operation, turns out some excellent lumber, and is a source of no litte revenue to the owner. Mr. S., is a gentleman of wide experience, and one of the firm of C. E. Haverly & Co.,

MR. C. B. RUSS.

Who operates a large brick elevator at Ames, for Rosenbaum Brothers, of Chicago, pays the highest cash prices for all kinds of grain-corn being the principal article. He estimates his corn shipments, per year, at 80,000 bushels.

DR. D. S. FAIRCHILD,

recognized as one of the leading physicians of Central Iowa, is located at Ames, and is meeting with most excellent success. He is a close student, successful practitioner, and withal a pleasant genial, gentleman.

SHELDAHL.

A Chapter on this Thriving Town and Vicinity-Located in three Counties - Its Business, Wants and Personal.

Shaldahl does not sit upon seven hills, but it is located in three counties, viz: Polk, Boone and Story. The town is handsomely laid out, with broad streets and avenues, has an excellent class of buildings, and contains in the neighborhood of 400 people. It is surrounded by as fine a country as one will find in Iowa, and the scope that is tributary to it, is perhaps more extensive than that possessed by any town in the county. The Des Moines branch of the Chicago & Northwestern road which runs from Des Moines to Callanan, passes through Sheldahl, and as a matter of course the place and country surrounding are greatly benefited. In this connection we will give the railroad business for '79, as furnished us by Mr. W. C. Porter, the affable agent at this point: No. cars shipped 700; No. cars received, 120. The stock shipments have reached as high as \$5,000 in one day.

Religious denominations are well represented here, there being three good substantial building. The schools are fair, and will be improved in time. A new brick yard will soon be established, which will become a paying investment from the start. The Sheldahl Journal, just started, Charley Lee, editor and proprietor, will be a power. This mill has been running prominent factor in building up the several years, and Snider & Son are

town. Town lots are cheap, while other real estate can be obtained at reasonable figures. There are several thousand acres of land in this vicinity, ranging in price from \$10 to \$20 unimproved, and \$15 to \$25 improved. Any of the business men whose names appear in this Review will correspond with eastern parties desiring to locate in this vicinity. The amount of business done at Sheldahl for 1879 is estimated at about \$300,000. The most prominent farmers in this vicinity are O. and John Bagwell, J. Kenneson, G. Harpwell, A. Pierce, E. Green, H. Cross, C. Burkey, J. Johnson, J. Severide, E. and V. Viland, E. Sheldahl, (one of the oldest settlers in Story county) A. Sheldahl, A. Ersland, (county supervisor,) and a number of others.

NELSON & ERSLAND,

Who are among the most extensive dealers in Story county, carry a stock of goods that would be a credit to a city of 10,000 people; dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats and caps, clothing. trunks, valises, carpets, glass and queensware, etc., can be found here in endless quantities. These men have studied the wants of this trade, and having almost unlimited means, they buy in large quantities and successfully compete for their share of the trade. They have been here a long time and have an extensive acquaintance in Story, Polk and Boone counties.

AINSWORTH & BONBRIGHT,

The leading dealers in hardware, agricultural implements, etc., of Des Moines, have a branch house of farm machinery here, W. B. Miller as manager. They handle nothing but first class goods, among them being Furst & Bradley's plows, Bain and Fish Brothers wagons, champio reapers and mowers, Nichols, Shepard & Co.'s vibrators, Buffalo Pitt thresher, Minnesota chief, and many others. Miller has been here five years and is well and favorably known.

THE SHELDAHL MILLS,

Owned by Messrs Snider & Son, are located in the town. The size of the mill is about 50x60 feet, three stories high, three run of buhrs, capacity 100 bushels per day, an engine of 40 horse now making a great success of it. They have two purifiers, the flour being of the very best quality and commanding the highest cash price where ever introduced. Mr. Snider has lived in Iowa 15 years, and came to Sheldahl two years ago.

J. H. QUEAL & CO.,

Carry a general stock of rough and dressed lumber, which they have placed upon the market at Des Moines prices. Their stock of sash, doors, blinds, lath, shingles, cedar posts, enamel paints, lime, building paper, etc., is complete in every respect. They also have a branch yard in Hamilton county, this State.

HUNTER & LOCKWOOD,

Grain buyers, have a steam elevator with a storage capacity of 13,000 bushels. They pay the highest cash price for all kinds of grain, and are doing their share of the business. Their shipments last year amounted to 200000 bushels and they expect the increase of this season's business will correspond with that of last year. They also have a branch at Kelly station.

AHLBERG & DAVIDSON

Have large interests in Sheldahl. They carry a general stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps, queensware, glassware, staple and fancy groceries, country produce, flour, feed and agricultural machinery of all kinds. These gentlemen are alive to the interests of Story county, and allow no merchant to undersell them.

J. H. MILLER,

Carries the only complete stock of heavy and shelf hardware, in Sheldahl, and has of the finest stocks of goods in the county. He is an old resident, having resided here since '55, is well known in this vicinity, and generally regarded as an upright and valuable citizen.

B. A. HALE,

Has a fine drug store, in which are found pure and fresh drugs, medicines, patent medicines, etc., also a full line of stationery, schools books, fancy and toilet articles, notions, paints, oils and varnish. Mr. Hale has been in business a few months, and originally came from Des Moines.

STENBERG & CO.,

Are manufacturers of wagons, and do a general repairing of vehicles, plows, and other articles, and carry on the Vulcan interests of Sheldahl. They turn out some very good work, and as a consequence have about all they can attend to. These gentlemen have been in this business for the past four years and report their interests gradually growing.

OLE B, APLAND,

The pioneer druggist, has one of the finest stores in the county. He carries drugs, medicines, paints oils, varnish, brushes, stationery, school books, toilet and fancy articles, cigars, tobaccos, wall paper, etc. Mr. Apland enjoys an excellent trade, has been here since the town started, and has great faith in its future prosperity.

C. P. VILAND,

Dealer in agricultural implements of all kinds, has a farm close to town, which he operates in connection with his town business. He reports business very good and anticipates a heavy and increased trade this season. Mr. V., has been in Story county 12 years.

C. W. HALSEY,

Carries confectionaries, cigars and tobaccos, etc., and is enjoying a good trade. Mr. H., is a new comer to Sheldahl, and entertains high hopes for its future. He has been a resident of Boone county since '65, and of course is thoroughly westernized.

MR. P. A. NELSON

Carries a general stock of merchandise, such as dry goods, boots and shoes hats and caps, queensware, glassware, staple and fancy groceries, flour and feed, and country produce. Mr. Nelson came here from Des. Moines and "came to stay the rest of his natural life."

A. C. WALLACE,

Carries stoves, tinware, and farming tools, and does repairing and job work of all kinds. He has been here almost one year, and thinks Sheldahl is as good a point as can be found in Iowa. He has been in this State since '64.

COLO.

Situated 8 miles eight east of Nevada, on the C. & N. W. R'y, is one of the best shipping points in the county. The town is composed of live, energetic and public spirited men, who realize the importance of their location, and stand ready to encourage immigration, build up their village, and generally advance their own interests. Churches, schools and societies are all in a flourishing condition, which speaks well for the morahty of the town. Among the most prominent business men we may mention that T. A. Bartlett, Wm. Hefly, John McCoy, J. W. Kinsell, P. W. Hopkins, James Albright. L. C. Adams, J. F. Martin and T. L. Sellers.

P. W. HOPKINS,

Dealer in lumber, lath, shingles, doors, blinds, and building paper, at Colo, has lived in Story county for 25 years and was formerly from Tipacanoe county, Ind. Has been a farmer for 20 years, and 5 years a dealer at Colo. He has an unbounded faith in the resources of Story county, and in 25 years has never seen a failure of crops. Mr. John McCoy is associated with Mr. H., in the sale of agricultural machinery, pumps, wire, lime, plaster, cement, hair &c., the firm being Hopkins & McCoy. Mr. McCoy has lived here 12 years and is one of the bright, active young men of Story county. He has come to stay.

MR. L. C. ADAMS,

Has been a resident of Colo for past four years, as manager of O. N. Hulls general store Mr. Adams was formerly a resident of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., but is identified with Story county and believes it has a bright prospect in the near future. Young men in the east willing to work, can here find opportunities that will soon be of great value and make them independent in a few years time, in stock raising and other enterprises.

MARTIN & SELLERS,

The leading lawyers, real estate, and tance and patrol loan agents, in this section of Story at his trade in County, are fully informed in regard to gomery county's all the varied interests of Colo, and settled in Colo.

surrounding lands. They have been residents of the county from 6 to 10 years, and take an active part in local matters. They will answer all enquiries about lands, the invesment of capital, payment of taxes, loaning money or making collections. They have an extensive acquaintance and practice.

MR. A. J. BARTLETT,

Proprietor of the Colo House, has been a resident of Story county for 10 years. He was formerly from Ogle county, Ill., and has been engaged in the hotel business for upwards of 18 years. For 9 years he was engaged in the Insurance business in Iowa, and regards Story county one of the best counties in the State. Having other business Mr. Bartlett will sell the Colo House and furniture, and this is a splendid opening for the hotel and livery business.

DR. J. ALLBRIGHT,

Veterinary surgeon, Colo, gives especattention to the treatment of horses feet; and is a practical horce shoer of wide reputation. He has been a resident of Story county four years and was formerly from Berks county, Pa. He does a general blacksmithing business, and is in demand among horse men.

J. W. KINSELL.

This gentleman, a resident of Story, county for 17 years, is now the postmaster of Colo. He is engaged in merchandising, dealing in staple and fancy groceries; flour and family supplies, tobacco &c. Mr. K., is a agent for the Domestic sewing machine, and has the exclusive coal trade of Colo, handling both hard and soft coal.

WM. HEFLEY,

Does blacksmithing and general repair work at Colo. Was born in Story county and has been five years in business. He has set his mark high and already has built up a fine acquaintance and patronage. He has worked at his trade in Green, Mills and Montgomery county's, Iowa, but is now settled in Colo.

IOWA CENTRE,

Located in the midst of a fine agricultural country, is in the geographical centre of the State. There are a number of stores and shops here, the most prominent of which appear below. The steam grist and saw mills at this point are greatly instrumental in drawing trade to this point. Some of the finest farmers in Central Iowa are to be found close by, while those engaged in agricultural pursuits are prosperous and contented.

BALDWIN & MAXWELL.

One of the largest institutions of Central Iowa, as well as of Story county, located at Iowa Centre, is the house of Baldwin & Maxwell. They are wholesale and retail dealers in general merchandise, pine lumber, salt, grain, live stock, hardware, stoves and tinware, agricultural implements, furniture, boots and shoes, hats and caps, harness and leather, oils and paints, wall paper, dry goods and family supplies, and carry a very large stock of staple and fancy groceries. They are also large purchasers of country produce of all kinds, which they ship to Altogetheastern marketsin car lots. er the transactions of this firm, cover every department of business necessary to supply the demands of a prosperons farming and stock raising community; and from these extensive operations they serve as the financial or banking institution for this section. They draw trade from every portion of this and adjoining counties,-their Cambridge, Clyde and Colo branches enabling them to purchase in such large quantities as to give them the same advantages as those possessed by whole dealers in larger markets.

Mr.M. M. Baldwin was one of the early settlers, having been here almost a quarter of a century, while J. W. Maxwell has been here since '63.

Their annual business reaches up-

wards of \$250,000 in value.

Messrs Baldwin & Maxwell buy and feed cattle and hogs, their shipments being far in excess of any firm in this section of State, amounting to not less than 250 cars per annum. Last season their hog receipts amounted to \$80,000, and their grain shipments from this point were fully 200 car oads. The month of April they ship-

ped 600 cases of eggs, or 18,000 dozen, besides several car loads of other produce. They own 1500 acres of excellent land in this township, much of which is improved and very valuable for farming purposes, stock raising, etc., etc.

J. W. WILL,

Dealer in general merchandise, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, notions, etc., at Iowa Center, began business in January 1880, having been connected with the firm of Baldwin & Maxwell, as salesman for nearly 20 years. Mr. Will has grown up in this place from boyhood, and has gained a wide and valuable acquaintance both personally, and in a business point of view.

STORY CITY.

Which is located in LaF yette township, on the Narrow Gauge road, 15 miles north of Ames, is a village of 200 and is claimed to be a good business point. The surrounding country is of a superior quality, is well 'settled, and deserves more attention than we can afford to give it. At this point a bank, wagon shop, newspaper, and one or two other institutions are needed. Mr. T. Henryson, assistant postmaster, will answer all questions regarding vacant lands, opportunities for new business ventures, etc.

The policy of the Supervisors, regarding the poor farm, is of the broadest and most liberal character. Mr. Bigelow, the chairman, insists that public farms of this nature can be made as profitable and beautiful as those owned by private parties, and the infirmaries of the east will soon have a duplicate in the Story county poor farm.

The pig pens recently erected under the supervision of Prof. Knapp, are of an entirely new design, and breeders of Iowa can save money in more than one way, by visiting these pens and using the Professor's designs. They are free to all. The pens are high, well ventilated, floors tarred every spring, stalls separate and nicely arranged, cleaned and bedded every morning, and one man can handle 300 head of hogs with ease.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Organization, Policy, Condition, Progress, and Scope of Iowa's Industrial and Scientific College.

Experimental and Scientific Agriculture.

LOCATION AND ORGANIZATION.

The Iowa Agricultural College is situated about two miles west of Ames, almost in the geographical center of the State, and is the crowning feature of the educational advantages of Story county. It traces its origin to a national law granting public lands to the several States and Territories, which provided for establishing colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts. The 9th General Assembly of Iowa accepted this grant and passed an act carrying into execution the trust conferred upon this State. In 1858 the legislature had passed an act establishing an agricultural college, providing for the selection of a farm, location of college buildings, and experimentation in agriculture. One year subsequent 640 acres near Ames were selected and purchased for these purposes, and in 62 these public lands were conferred upon this college by an act of congress, which made of the college a national institution-the State being trustee in charge.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT.

Under the sanction of national law this college has developed four distinct general courses of study, which afford a rare opportunity for a broad and comprehensive education-in addition to which several special courses have been added, embracing a wide range The general of scientific research. courses of study constitute 12 distinct schools, each embracing a single prominent science or a small number of closely related sciences. These are as follows: 1st, School of Agriculture; 2d, School of Horticulture; 3d, School of Veterinary Science; 4th, School of Domestic Economy; 5th, School of Military Science; 6th, School of Literature and Language; 7th, School of Mathematics and Physics; 8th, School of Chemistry; 9th, School of Biology: works are some distance behind the

10th, School of Philosophy; School of Engineering; 12th, School of Civil Engineering. Each of these de-partments is under the charge of a teacher, and herewith is appended a list of the

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION:

A. S Welch, L. L. D, President, Professor of Psychology and Philosophy of Science; Gen. J. L. Geddes, President pro tem, Professor of Military Tactles and Engineering; W. H. Wynn P. H. D., Professor of English Literature; C. E. Bessey, M. S., P. H. D., Professor of Bottany; A. Thompson, C. E., Professor of Mechanical Engineering; F E L Beal, B. S. Prof. Civil Engineering; T. E. Pope, A. M., Professor of Chemistry; M. Stalker, B. S., V. S., Prof. of Veterinary Science; J. L. Budd, Prof. of Horticulture; J. K. Macomber, B. S., Prof. of Physics and Librarian; E. W. Stanton, B. S., Prof. of Mathematics and Political Economy; S A. Knapp, A. M., Prof. of Practical and Experimental Agriculture: D. S. Fairchild, M. D., Prof. of Histology, Pathology and Therapeutics; Mrs. Mary B. Welch, Preceptress and Lecturer on Domestic Economy; Mrs. Martha Sinclair, Assistant Preceptress, Instructor in French and English; Geo. S. Fox, Prof. of Vocal Music; Miss M. Anthera, Teacher of Instrumental Musie; T L. Smith, B. S., Lecturer on Architecture; A. B. Shaw, M. S., Foreman in Printing Office; C. F. Mount, B. C. E., Assistant in Civil Engineering; Mrs. A. Thompson, Housekeeper and Assistant in Experimental Kitchen; H. D. Harlow, Proctor.

THE BUILDINGS

Consist of a college building four stories high, and basement, 158 feet; laboratory, two story brick 70 with an extension one story high, 71x33; the departments of the botany and veterinary science are located in a handsome brick building of Italian style; adjoining is the veterinary hospital and dissecting room; the horticultural building is two stories high, containing a museum and propagating department; the farm house is a substantial brick building, occupied by Prof. Knapp, with large barns, creameries, pig pens, tool houses, etc., adjacent; the work shops, laundry and gas

main building. The President's house, a fine example of the Gothic style of architecture, is near the entrance of the grounds, while Prof's Budd, Thompson, Pope, and Stanton occupy substantial homes on or near the college grounds. An appropriation of \$6000 was made by the last legislature for the erection of a building to be devoted to the departments of veterinary science, botany, and the Professor of agriculture.

ADVANCEMENT.

In the Iowa State Register of February 22d, 1880, is found a most comprehensive and valuable article upon the rank, purposes and requirements of this institution, and we have taken occasion to quote from the editorial. It says:

"But the Iowa Industrial School stands foremost by reason of its complete courses of study which are laid out in obedience to the congressional law. That law declares that the leading object shall be to teach the branches of learning related to agriculture and the mechanic arts. But these branches embrace nearly all the sciences which underlie the modern industries, and consequently the courses of study if complete must include them all. The college meets this demand of the law by four courses, namely: 1. The course in agriculture. 2. The course in engineering. 3. The course in mechanics. 4. The Ladies' The course in agriculture, course. representing the leading industry in this State, is the most complete and popular, the students in it far exceeding in number those in all the other courses together. The college holds the firenank in the advancement it has made because it is fulfilling the precise purpose announced by law, namely, 'To promote the liberal and practical education of the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.' The record of 1879 shows that children of farmers were 60 per cent. of the whole number; of business men, 18 per cent; of mechanics, 12 per cent; of teachers 3 per cent; of clergymen, 1 per cent; of lawyers, 2½ per cent. The attendance at the Agricultural College has been from the beginning larger than that of any ry county, as well as of Iowa and othother of the national industrial schools. er States-then the writers will have

The average attendance is not far from 300 a year. The most successful of the other colleges, such as Michigan, Ohio, and Missouri, do not average higher than 200. Cornell University has 40 students in agriculture. college may claim to have secured a faculty not second in ability to any body of the kind in the country. It is especially strong by reason of the fact that each professor is in charge of a specialty to which he gives his entire time and study. This faculty is engaged in giving instruction to three hundred students. Without increasing the classes, it could as well teach five hundred. The number taught is now limited by the room, and not by the teaching force. In other words, the Congressional grant pays for a teaching force adequate to the wants of five hundred students."

PSESIDENT WELCH AND HIS WORK.

A brief interview with President Welch, elicited many interesting facts in relation to the institution, and to his life-work, which will remain for all time to come as a monument to his patient and faithful toil in behalf of this young commonwealth. A. S. Welch was born in Connecticut in 1821; was educated at Michigan University, graduating with honor in 1846. He afterward opened the first union school in Michigan, where he spent five years. He was then elected principal of the State Normal School, spending here 14 years, afterward living four years in Florida, from which State he was elected to the U. S. Senate. Twelve years ago he gave to the Agricultural College its first impetus, and has watched and carefully tended it as a valuable plant since its inception and organization.

What its influence will be upon future generations of the agricultural classes, is not difficult to surmise, after a thorough study of the policy and practical working of this industrial university; or even a casual visit to the various departments and laboratories. If it shall result from the wide distribution which this work will receive, that a correct idea of the ultimate purpose and wide reaching influence of this most valuable institution may be gained by the residents of Stoaccomplished a great end. Already the farmers and stock raisers begin to appreciate its local advantages. The free clinics held in the veterinary stables draw the best horsemen and farm ers in as students of problems in their every day life.

GOVERNMENT, DOMESTIC ECONOMY, &C.

In the government of the college ladies and gentlemen are subject to the most stringent supervision, but are also allowed all the liberties which are compatible with the limits of propriety, and the efficiency requisite in a rigid course of instruction. The large andgenerous endowments have enabled the trustees to provide complete scientific apparatus in each department, with a library of proportions commensurate with the growing need. In the department of Domestic Economy, superintended by Mrs. Welch, wife of the President, a branch of learning is taught which is having an elevating influence in the household, and is recegnized as the dawning of a new era in woman's life of toil, which has heretofore been synonymous with drudgery. Prof. Knapp at the head of the agricultural department, is the foremost man in the State, as a student of the habits and traits, not only of animals, but of vegetable life. a breeder of cattle and swine, and in all the far-reaching results attendant upon the management and cultivation of a diversified husbandry, the plans adopted and now in rapid course of development will give to the college farm a national reputation.

CONDITION OF THE FARM.

Nature seems to have been exceedingly generous with this farm and surrounding country. No more beautiful spot in this magnificent State could have been selected for the purposes that are soon to become a blessing to this commonwealth. The country round about is of the very richest character-some of the finest farmers in the county, in fact, being in close proximity. The college farm which now consists of about 830 acres, possesses a varied soil, upon which every product of this latitude can be successfully grown; while the natural drainage of a greater portion of the land precludes the possibility of failure on account of "wet lands." The crops

now growing are the best we have ever seen at this time of year, and we predict that when the harvest shall have come, the people of Iowa will find upon this farm crops of a superior quality heretofore not seen and certainly not anticipated. The horticultural department should not be overlooked in this connection, which, as a matter of fact, is progressing and developing at a pace uncommonly rapid.

THE COLLEGE GROUNDS,

with their buildings, constitute a picture worthy the brush of an artist or a pen more ready than ours. The grounds are tastefully laid out, profusely decorated with forest, and pine trees and other shrubbery, and just at this time of year appear to most excellent advantage. Certainly students of this institution have cause to be thankful for the foresight of those who have made of it a paradise as beautiful as the mind of man can conceive.

THE PRACTICAL RESULTS

that have followed the labors of the faculty, ably assisted and encouraged by an intelligent and liberal board of trustees, are of the most flattering nature. The young men and women who have graduated here, are to-day among the most valuable citizens of the country, and many of them occupy positions of honor and trust that might have remained beyond their reach, had it not been for the opportunities afforded by the splendid agricultural college of the banner State of the northwest.

Items, Personal Notes,



A large carriage and wagon shop is needed at Nevada.

There are about 12 sections of vacant land near Story City.

No county in Iowa possesses better educational facilities than this one.

From 60 to 90 cows are used at the creamery on the agricultural farm.

There have been sown 200 varieties of cerials and vegetables on the college farm this season.

The C. & N. W. R.'y passes through the lowest, and consequently the poorest portion of Story county. The cattle on the agricultural farm are many of them of a superior breed—all being in excellent condition.

The college farm is divided as follows for stock: 30 acres to hogs; 50 to sheep; 100 to horses; 400 to cattle.

There are 871 acres of land in the agricultural farm at present, besides smaller tracts owned by the President and Professors.

"Dominion Peacock," owned by Prof. M. Stalker, is one of the finest horses in the State. He is of the Eng-

lish Coach breed.

The farmers of Story county are not "machinery poor," but on the contrary are well fixed and invariably invest their surplus money in cattle, horses and hogs.

To eastern creamery and cheese men: Correspond with Story county people, and learn of the inducements and advantages offered for this lucre-

tive business here.

Sheldahl needs a lint mill, several creameries, gluecose factory, and a bank. Parties desiring to engage in either industry, will do well to correspond with Nelson & Ersland.

Miles of levee have been thrown up by private enterpriae, in the valleys of Story county, thus reclaiming thou sands of acres that formerly stood under water during wet seasons.

Mr. Porter, the creamery man, has a fine farm near the college, which furnishes excellent clay; and in addition to brick yards, he will establish a tiling factory sometime this season.

The cattle handled on the college farm are changed from barns to fields without one word being uttered by the endants. No boisterous language is allowed within the hearing of stock, and horses, cattle and pigs are gentle as household pets.

One of the most interesting features of Story county, and one that will sometime become of great benefit to the localities in which it appears, is a series of wells, a few miles north of Ames and in other portions of the county. Many of these wells throw large streams to a height of several feet, and a number of parties are talking of utilizing the water for various purposes. At Colo the railroad company have a fine artesian well, which furnishes water for the entire town.

Story County Horse Breeders.

This county has become known throughout the north-west as the leading centre for fine borse breedingbearing the same relation in fact, to Iowa, as Jefferson county, Ky., does to that State. At present there are perhaps 1000 fine trotters in this county, and every breeder is embracing the opportunities presented by the owners of thoroughbred stallions-so that, in a few years, there will be a universally fine class of horses throughout Central Iowa. Incidentally, we might men-tion that there are a large number of imported draft horses, and their descendents, of the Norman Percheron stock, as well as Clydesdale and English coach horses.

The unusual interest taken in fine and fast horses in Story county, was first brought about by the wonderful trotter

"TRAMPOLINE."

She was bred by Hays Bros., of Muscatine, Iowa, sired by Tramp, by Gages Logan, a son of Rysdyk's Hambleton-ian. Her dam Yellow Bird, a full sister to Bashaw, Jr., record 2: 241/2. Trampoline was purchased when a yearling by S. J. Schermerhorn, and under his skillful management developed into a trotting phenomenon. Twice in her six year old form she trotted quarters in 30 seconds, a two minute gait. In 1876 when 7 years old she was campaigned-winning all her races in straight heats save one, heat dropped, at which time she took her record of 2:29, trotting in 2:26, walking home. In 1877, Schermerhorn sold her to Col. Jno. Scott and D. H. McCord of Nevada, Iowa, and by them she was taken east; is now the joint property of Col. Scott and Boston parties; has a record of 2:23. Schermerhorn is entitled to great credit in her development-rearing, breaking, shoeing and driving being all his own. One of his stallions (St. Regis) is her full brother, who is equally speedy but as yet untrained. When owned together they formed a matched pair, both being dark chestnuts with white faces and some white legs. Mr. Schermerhorn proprietor of Maplewood Stock Farm, has several fine horses,

but space forbids their mention in Prominent stands the kingly Ralston, the fleety Rawlins, the gallant Topeka Bell and the darling youngsters, St. Charles and Queenie Ralston.

MR. D. H. MCCORD.

Located at Nevada, is one of the leading breeders and fanciers of Iowa, having the celebrated "Empire Hambletonian" at the head of the steed. This horse was sired by Rysdyke's Hambletonian, dam, "Lady Ames," by Empire, grand-dam by Saladin, he by Young Bashaw. Mr. McCord has constantly on hand for sale and breeding purposes, a large number of the descendents of the Hambletonian strains and has from 1/3 to 1/2 interests in per-haps 50 colts from the above named families.

"JENNIE R."

This celebrated filly is five years old and is the property of R. H. Rodearmel of Nevada. She was sired by "Tramp," dam "Carrie Loom." "Jennie R" took 1st premium at State Fair as a three year old, and also at the Min-neapolis fair, against a large field. She is a splendid animal and is capable of making 1:34. Mr. Rodearmel is a fancier of fine horses, is Secretary of the Nevada Driving Park Association, and a leading spirit in the turf of Iowa and the western circuits. He is an enthusiast for his own county and has a good word for every horse in the neighbrhood. He has a brother to "Jennie R" called "Good Luck," a two year old chestnut stallion, with a good record before him.

DAN M'CARTHY,

A prominent stock breeder and importer, has been in Story county for the past 23 years. He has about 700 acres of improved land, which is among the best in the county. Within the past five years he has imported eight thoroughbred Norman stallions from France, which have been prominent factors in the improvement of draft horses of Iowa. "Bonaparte," one of the latest importations is a monsterweighing 2170 pounds. Mr. McCarthy has several other blooded animals, together with a number of short horn to the legislature and served his concattle, and quite a large interest in constituency well and faithfully.

Poland hogs-priding himself upon the horse feature of the stock business. He has practiced law, dealt in real estate and been engaged in other branches of business. Dan has struck it rich this time, and has several bonanzas now on hand.

Individual Prosperity.

W. R. DOOLITTLE,

Residing in LaFayette township, is a representative farmer, having about 900 acres of land, and a large amount Mr. Doolittle came here of stock. in '56, and from a small beginning has become one of the wealthiest farmers in Story county.

R. A. ROBINSON,

Residing in Indian Creek township, two miles west of Iowa Center, owns 432 acres of land, 350 of which is under cultivation, 100 being covered with timber. He fed 65 head of cattle last winter averaging 1500 lbs, and still has in the neighborhood of 100 head; besides 125 hogs and a number of horses and mules. Mr. Robinson came here 24 years ago.

PARLEY SHELDON,

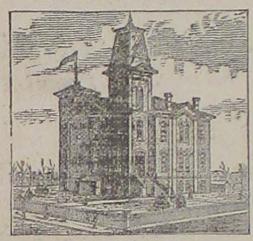
Who lives about one mile south of Ames, has a large farm, well improved, and is the owner of considerable fine stock. One horse in particular, a four-year-old, named "Rodman" by "Romulus," he from Rysdyke's Hambletonian. Mr. Sheldon has several brood mares of the same fam. Altogether he is one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in Story county.

HON. W. K. WOOD

Who came here 28 years ago. has over 1000 acres of land in this township, and about 300 in Polk county. His Indian Creek farm is undoubtedly one of the best in this portion of Iowa, being enclosed by fences, and otherwise well improved. He has 130 head of cattle, about 100 head of hogs, and a dozen good horses. In '72 he was elect-

HON, FRANK CURTIS,

One of Story county's prominent farmers and stock men, came here 16 years ago with very limited means. The first year he used an ox team to work his farm, since which time he has gradually accumulated property until to-day he posses 600 acres of excellent land and generally has on hand at least 200 head of cattle, besides a number of fine horses, and 200 sheep and hogs. This is an example of what an energetic and thrifty man can do here, and the Story county people showed their confidence in Mr. Curtis by electing him to the State Legislature three years ago.



Nevada City School House.

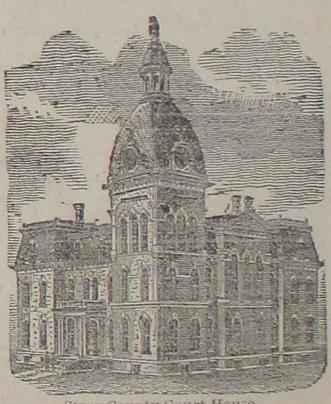
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Concluding Remarks.

The compilation of a work like this nature involves a great deal of time, labor and expense. Six weeks have

been consumed in the preparation of this pamphlet, during which time we have endeavored to gather all the facts possible. Doubtless there are many things of interest which have been omitted, but upon the whole the work is impartial and as complete as can reasonably be expected. The grand idea has been to advertise the advantages of Story County, and by thus doing, to induce immigration; at the same time prominent business men have received attention. Those who "were too busy to talk" or "could not see where it would benefit them," as a matter of course, cut no figure in this pamphlet. The illustrations of " Individual Prosperity" are only a few of the hundreds similarly situated, but they will serve to show eastern people the general prosperity that exists here. So with "Story County Horse Breeders"-there being dozens of others in the business who are prominent and representative men. One thing is certain: The picture has not been overdrawn in the least, and eastern people can peruse these pages with the assurance that the "truth is not half told." This general invitation to visit Story county is extended to all contemplating a removal to the west. Come and see the country, get acquainted with the people, and if you have an intention of locating, this is the place for you and your friends.



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